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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL- INFORMAL

1. REGRET DELAYS IN TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT OF THE 8
AUTHORIZATIONS CABLES THAT ONLY ARRIVED MAY 14. PROBLEM WAS
2-DAY DELAY BEFORE TRANSMISSION, DUE TO SYSTEM LOAD WHICH
CAUSED HOLD-UP OF "ROUTINE" MESSAGES. VISA OFFICE WILL NOW
MARK AUTHORIZATIONS SENT ON WEDNESDAYS FOR SUNDAY FLIGHTS
"PRIORITY" AND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY CABLES "IMMEDIATE," WHICH
SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

2. WE HAVE A NOTE FROM BILL JACKSON OF SENATOR CRANSTON'S
STAFF TAKING EXCEPTION TO REPORTING TELEGRAM OF HIS CONVER-
SATION WITH SUPREME SOVIET JACKSON SAYS HE DID NOT INVITE
SUPREME SOVIET TO SEND A DELEGATION TO US THIS YEAR. HE
SAYS HE CONVEYED THAT CRANSTON DID NOT SPEAK FOR WHOLE
SENATE BUT WANTED TO DO ALL HE COULD TO BRING ABOUT CON-
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TINUATION OF PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE AND WOULD MAKE A MAXIMUM
EFFORT TO SEE TO IT THAT SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE
INVITED BY BOTH HOUSES. JACKSON SAYS HE IS WORKING ON THIS
NOW. DO YOU THINK SOVIETS GOT IMPRESSION THEY WERE BEING
INVITED? AS YOU CAN SEE, THE EVENT IS STILL SOME DISTANCE
AWAY.

3. WE RECENTLY ASKED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL FOR INSTANCES IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN HELPFUL REGARDING BUSINESS FACILITATION. WE WILL NEED THIS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY FOR IT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.

4. WE HAVE ASKED EUR/EX TO ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS FOR VEN SKONG TO BE HERE THE WEEK OF JUNE 6-10 FOR THE EXPERTS' AND COMMISSION MEETINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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